





# SC junks Pasig bid to expropriate land of Bro. Eddie's JIL

By Armand M. Muron

**THE SUPREME COURT HAS** junked the Pasig city government's bid to expropriate a lot belonging to the Ateneo de La Osa.

Just School Foundation Inc., saying the right has been withdrawn that it needs the lot as an annex.

In its Aug. 4 decision, the high court also took the city government to task for failing to submit a

"valid and definite offer to purchase a specific portion of the property for a contingent use."

The ruling is cited, against the decision of the Pasig Regional Trial Court and the Court of Appeals affirm-

ing the expropriation of the 250.75-square-meter property to some use as a school lot from JIL. Some lower and higher courts have ruled in Pasig.

The court said the Pasig government must also follow to establish the

need for the school lot right in the city property, which measures over 100,000 square meters.

Deceased presidential candidate Edmundo Villanueva chairs the JIL school foundation.

"Expropriation is justified so long as it is for the public good and there is genuine necessity of public use," the court said.

Government may not expropriate private property should be taken, "the court said."



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## WHAT STONEWALLING?

## 'Garci' hunt now global

By Nikko Dizon  
and Laila Salazarria

**ACCUSED** of stonewalling on the whereabouts of Virgilio Garcillano, the Department of Foreign Affairs launched yesterday a global hunt for the controversial former election commissioner.

"We sent circulars today to our posts all over the world to obtain information on him because we don't know where he is," Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Franklin Ebdalin said in a phone interview yesterday.

The DFA previously gave similar instructions to its embassies in Singapore and Malaysia after it was reported that Garcillano fled to either of these countries at the height of the "Hello, Garci" controversy.

It has also directed its consulate in New York City to see if Garcillano might be in New Jersey. He was also reported by the media to have flown to London.

## All reports to DOJ

Last month, the DFA said the Singapore government had confirmed that Garcillano arrived in the city-state last July 14 but left the following day for an unknown destination.

Garcillano provoked a national uproar when he disappeared from public view in June following allegations that he was the man President Macapagal-Arroyo was talking to in the so-called "Hello, Garci" tapes dealing with an alleged conspiracy to tamper with the results of the 2004 elections.

The other day, Cavite Rep. Gilbert Remulla said he learned from diplomatic sources that Garcillano flew last month to Singapore using a Subic Air Learjet, and accused the DFA of giving his office a runaround when he asked for information.

The DFA has denied receiving any such information.

In a text message sent to reporters, DFA spokesperson Gilberto Asuque said that the department "has forwarded all reports regarding Virgilio Garcillano Jr. to the Department of Justice."

"The DOJ is heading the investigation on Mr. Garcillano."

## Will take blame if...

Asuque added that "the DFA continues to monitor the whereabouts of Mr. Garcillano and will forward any new information to

the DOJ."

Ebdalin explained that the DOJ was the department tasked by Malacañang to investigate the Garcillano flight.

Immigration Commissioner Alipio Fernandez Jr. said he was willing to take the blame if it was proved that the bureau had covered up Garcillano's flight to Singapore.

"If it's established, I would accept responsibility," he said in a phone interview.

Fernandez said the BI had gone to great lengths to check its records but it had found none that would show that Garcillano had left the country.

"Garcillano was never cleared by immigration to leave the country. In the flight manifest of the Subic Air flight, only the names of the pilot, co-pilot and mechanic were listed," he said.



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"Fortunate are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

"Fortunate are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

"Fortunate are you when people hate you, when they reject you and insult you and number you among criminals, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. Remember that is how the ancestors of this people treated the prophets."

"But alas for you who have wealth, for you have been comforted now."

"Alas for you who are full, for you will go hungry."

"Alas for you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep."

"Alas for you when people speak well of you, for that is how the ancestors of these people treated the false prophets."

## Commentary

Jesus begins the most densely packed sermon in Luke's gospel: on the plain by raising his eyes to his disciples, which means he is kneeling on the ground before them, as servant. And he gives the four blessings and the four woes that bind others to him: blessings for the poor, those hungry and weeping and for those rejected, hated and insulted and treated poorly, as he was treated. And woes for the wealthy, the secure and full, those oblivious to others' needs and happy in their insensitivity and those who are deemed successful and blessed in this world. There are only two choices or distinct spectrums. Where do we stand? Or how close to our suffering servant master do we find ourselves because of what we do and who we share our lives with? Jesus kneels before us and invites us down to where he kneels, humbly upon the ground.

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT**

# Estrada a victim of double standard —Saguisag

**By Nelson F. Flores**

FORMER SEN. RENE Saguisag yesterday accused the administration of using a double standard of justice when it charged ex-President Joseph

Estrada with perjury, while ignoring other similar cases, including that of then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Saguisag said documents from the Ombudsman, the Executive Secretary, and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed that, except for Estrada, no other person had been charged with perjury in violation of Republic Act 6713 concerning the filing of Statement of Asset, Liabilities and Net Worth.

RA 6713 is the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Government Officials and Employees.

Saguisag said all those initially charged with violation of RA 6713 in connection with their filing of an incomplete or erroneous SALN were given a chance to correct their error as provided for by law.

## **GMA's case**

He cited a case in 1998 when then Ombudsman Aniano Disierto dismissed a graft case filed by lawyer Ricardo Valmonte against Ms Arroyo. The case arose from the then vice president's alleged failure to declare her business interests and financial connections as well as real estate property in the United States, in her SALN for the years 1996 and 1997.

Saguisag said that, in dismissing the charges, the Ombudsman noted that Ms. Arroyo was not given a chance to correct the error in her SALN due to the failure of the Office of the Ombudsman to create a review and compliance committee as required by RA 6713.

"Why was then President Estrada charged with perjury emanating from a case similar to that of Ms Arroyo's when it was clearly established that the Ombudsman also failed to create the same committee to allow him to correct the errors in his SALN, if any?" Saguisag asked.

Saguisag also cited documents signed by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita dismissing similar cases involving national and local officials because there was no review and compliance committee.

Saguisag also noted that Estrada was the only person charged with illegal use of an alias as borne by a BSP certification dated Aug. 18, 2005.

But no less than BSP representative Cresenciano Orlas has testified in court that the alias law has not been implemented despite the passage of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Saguisag said.

This shows that Estrada is being selectively prosecuted, he said.

Estrada, who is detained in his rest house in Tanay, Rizal, is also facing plunder charges.







WEDNESDAY, SEP

# Forme

**By Luige A. del Puerto**

FIVE YEARS AFTER he was arrested and accused of driving a stolen car, a former traffic management official of the Philippine National Police yesterday said he was finally vindicated and could now retire in peace.

Senior Supt. Norberto Manaog, who headed the PNP-Traffic Management Group in the mid-1990s, was accused by three police officers of driving a stolen vehicle in Las Piñas City in September 2000.

The PNP internal affairs office suspended for grave misconduct the three police officers who accused Manaog, records showed.

In July 2005, PNP chief Director General Arturo Lomibao affirmed the decision to suspend Senior Insp. Jesus Kabigting, PO3 Ernesto Orata and PO2 Dennis Fadol for six months, starting Aug. 16.

## Salary deduction

The PNP legal service also recommended a deduction of 180 days worth of salaries and allowances from the retirement benefits of Supt. Wilbur Naldo, the officers' then immediate officer.

Manaog said the three policemen, who were members of the PNP-Criminal Investigation and Detection Group at the time, stopped him on the Alabang-Zapote Road and brought him to a local police station, saying that he was driving a stolen car. He said he was with his family when he was arrested.

The officers also arrested for illegal possession of firearms SPO3 Edgardo Lerit, Manaog's driver.

During the investigation, the officers said that they were simply doing their job. They said they were dispatched to the area to look for a Tamaraw FX with a blinker, a violation of traffic rules. They found and stopped the vehicle, and claimed to have seen a handgun inside.

## Lack of evidence

The officers said Manaog tried to interfere when they tried to arrest Lerit, so they arrested him for obstruction of justice. They also accused Manaog of car theft.

The fiscal's office and the National Police Commission later dropped the cases against Manaog and Lerit after the officers failed to produce evidence.

Humiliated by the experience, Manaog sued Kabigting, Orata and Fadol for grave misconduct. In August 2004, IAS Inspector General Alexis Canonizado found the three guilty and suspended them for 180 days without pay, an order that was later affirmed by Lomibao.

"I feel vindicated. Imagine the humiliation of being accused [of driving a stolen car] when I was a former chief of the PNP-TMG," he said.

"Now I can retire in peace," said Manaog.











# The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Gove

## Katrina death toll may hit 10,000

**NEW ORLEANS—VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA** returned to pick through their battered homes on Monday and President George W. Bush promised to fix bungled rescue efforts after a disaster in which the mayor of New Orleans said as many as 10,000 may have died.

Rescuers in boats, helicopters and military vehicles went house-to-house looking for stranded survivors of one of the worst natural disasters in the United States.

A full week after Katrina crashed into the Gulf Coast coast and swamped

one of America's most popular cities, the house of pain and death was now becoming more people.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin said "It wouldn't be unreasonable" for the death toll to rise to 10,000,

although he admitted he had no idea of the exact number.

While authorities offered people to temporarily return to their homes in some areas, New Orleans, police picked up people who have not yet returned. The city said to get out. "There are no jobs. There are no houses to go to, no health care, there is absolutely nothing left," Deputy Police Chief William Siders said. "We believe people that the city has been destroyed, a loss completely been destroyed." Siders also reported a spokesman for identifying victims, which they

seriously concerned.

Some are not back to their homes because they lost their homes. Some are still in homes across New Orleans.

In suburban Jefferson Parish, rescue workers got a first look at Katrina's damage to their homes when a storm with 25 mph winds. They were greeted by a panorama of ruined roofs and water signs, and appeared to be in a state of shock. Some had been flooded with several feet of water.

"It's a big problem but it's done

nothing. I may lose my house because I may not be able to make the payments, and I don't know where I'm going to work again," said Mark Beck, 46, at his Metairie home. Some areas had appeared to be in a state of shock and appeared to be in a state of shock.

Others said the damage could have been worse. They said their homes were mostly intact and not damaged.

The US Army Corps of Engineers began pumping water from the flooded city after clearing a major pipe in the river.

Reuters

## Arman laments UN role in scandal

**LONDON—UN CHIEF Kofi Annan said he** was shocked by the UN's role in the scandal. He said he was not asked to take part in the UN's role in the scandal.

In an interview with the BBC on Monday night, the secretary general said he was shocked by the UN's role in the scandal. He said he was not asked to take part in the UN's role in the scandal.

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"I am shocked and we are all shocked," Annan said. He said he was not asked to take part in the UN's role in the scandal. He said he was not asked to take part in the UN's role in the scandal.

## Iraq ministry attacked

**BAGHDAD—UP TO 20** gunmen in 10 cars fired on Iraq's interior ministry at dawn on Monday, killing two police and wounding five, ministry sources said. The attack occurred in a residential area.

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## German social worker champions cause of Filipino youth offenders

By Donna Domestica  
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**G**ERMAN SOCIAL WORKER KLAUS SCHWARTZ does not fear prisoners. In fact, Schwartz, a consultant for the Juvenile Justice Network (JJN) and volunteer for the Child and Family Service Philippines Inc. (CFSP), considers prisoners just "ordinary people who have special problems in life."

For now, he is in the prison as an inmate in the Cebu prison (not yet in 1997), and made a big mission to help ensure that prisoners, especially young offenders (or juveniles in conflict with the law), are given justice.

"When you're in prison, you're deprived of most of your rights," he says, "but you still have to do what you can to do."

During previous visits to the prison, Schwartz was given the highest rights he can have, he said. Juveniles Schwartz was directed to helping young offenders and made it a life mission to improve their plight. A mission to serve abroad in a social worker was established when he was assigned by the Foreign Inland Settlements Division (CFSD) (Development Bureau) in the Philippines in 2002.

Dr. David Infante, former president of the CFSD, was then looking for a volunteer for the CFSD, and Schwartz was assigned to Cebu in a three-year contract with the CFSD. Schwartz met with inmates of the prison in the jail.

As the CFSD volunteer, he helped establish in 1998 the JJN, a network of government and non-governmental organizations dedicated to the protection, promotion and development of children in conflict with the law. The network conducted preventive and rehabilitative programs to help juvenile offenders regain normal society.

The JJN was launched in Iloilo following the findings of a CFSD mission, headed by the German Development Bureau, which saw the need to improve programs and services provided to juvenile offenders.

First JJN chapters, later since been established in the cities of General Santos, Iloilo, Cebu and Manila. Two more are being organized in Zamboanga, Davao, and in Butuan, Misamis.

"There's a need to work with offenders. I was challenged by the special life of offenders, and I got to know many wonderful people who lived really different lives from mine," he said.

**Comfortable life**

With wife Rita and children, Klaus Schwartz and family, they left the comfort of their home in Germany in 2002 to arrive in the Philippines. "We were up everything. Our car, the kids, we moved into the house," Schwartz said.

Schwartz grew up in Hesse, Germany, and lived on his own with his parents. But his exposure to the "real world" came when a police friend, Klaus Meyer, started him in a small job with problems and drinking problems. He was 14 and had no job, yet he was and lost the seeds of these problems.

Schwartz saw a "different world" and realized that people have different lifestyles and values from different persons.

After high school, Schwartz decided to go into community service, where he worked with handicapped youngsters, aged 15 to 25, for more than a year while studying engineering in the Engineering School of Iloilo.

In the early 1980s, he decided to study social work, after which he worked in the German probation service and dealt with both



SCHWARTZ  
consultant

young and adult offenders.

He said he had never felt stigma or discrimination in the company of the prisoners.

**Contributions**

Schwartz was in Germany in the drafting of the Juvenile Justice Network's rules and regulations on community service. He also helped form the management team that did the renovation of the prison.

He and the CFSD's JJN director of Community Service, Juvenile Justice is already taking steps, with activities starting to design the building located in young offenders.

An important part of Schwartz's work involves making sure that inmates receive their weekly activities in jail and the youth development program, which includes chess, animation or training activities to improve their skills.

Another major component of Schwartz's work for the CFSD was the start-up program for juveniles released from prison. The program included a three-day intensive course on life planning.

Of the 50 participants, only two continued further education and were rehabilitated.

Schwartz was also active in the Youth Organization, a group of inmates released from prison, and the Philippine Organization of Prisoners. Both serve as platforms where parents and their children can express needs and get advice on resources to help them needs.

**Scholarships**

Family members and friends also donated money for scholarships of young offenders.

Many offenders from the JJN, in college-level, have been accepted and continue to receive financial help worth P2,000 monthly for their education.

Schwartz participated in the discussion to gather the commitment of various organizations to push the passage of the juvenile justice bill.

"I was a divorced man with a child who has different needs from adults. Their care must be prioritized, and there should be a separate law for juvenile justice from the penal code," he said.

Through the efforts of Schwartz and his colleagues in the CFSD and the JJN, the number of young inmates in the jail had been decreased from 34 in 1992 to 27 in July 2005.

Schwartz's three-year contract with the CFSD ended last month, but he has been asked to help juveniles in conflict with the law outside the prison.

Working separately, he will be back at his old job in Germany to work with both juveniles and adult offenders.

"I know I know, I know that the law is very strict and that it has become a dedicated network, addressing the needs of prison offenders and beyond the responsibility of different agencies," Schwartz said.

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# Probe of Basilan election fraud starts

**ZAMBOANGA CITY**—THE COMMISSION on Elections has started investigating reports of fraud in Basilan in the elections for officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The Council voted on investigation, headed by Commissioner Michel Sison, here in Basilan on Monday.

Among those being looked into are claims that in several areas of the province, voting was actually conducted or almost completed even before polling centers were yet to actually open.

The Council said the investigation will be guided primarily by witnesses who are substantiated by the elections.

Among the witnesses are the 41 election inspectors in the province and village chiefs.

The alleged fraud involved 15 precincts, according to the Council.

This investigation also involved in the

House committee on elections also launched an investigation of alleged irregularities committed during the ARMM elections.

In Zamboanga City, Sison said he discovered that the people he talked to were mostly poor, honest and their elections were the same as other national Council elections.

"There was something wrong here, what we are seeing now is that these propositions were violated with irregularities," Sison said during the initial phase of the investigation.

Among these were recommendations for the release of election paraphernalia to voting centers.

He said, Basilan Rep. Gerry Salapuddin said that Basilan Gov. Wilhelmo Abad told the province's 40 village officials to conduct elections based on the results of daily inspections during the Aug. 1 elections in the ARMM.

Salapuddin said he informed him that the Abad paid P100,000 to P500,000 for each village official in the results of the elections in the province's 40 villages.

Ampon, a Maguindanao councilor, was also elected in the 2001 elections.

He also alleged of Salapuddin's allegations.

The challenge Salapuddin to produce strong evidence against him before putting him on trial and by the end.

After being asked to bring village officials to the council, he talked with them during the campaign period and sought their support for inspection.

"I will help them facilitate some requests for community projects or services. I did not give a cash reward, but I gave them support," he said.

At the developed, international Islamic democracy will eventually demand the outcome of the ARMM elections during a congress in Jakarta that started yesterday.

Two supporters of defeated gubernatorial candidate Michel Sison were also involved in present their allegations of the Aug. 1 elections at the Congress of Democrats from the Islamic World, co-sponsored by the UN Fund of Sustainable Democracy Institute (SDI).



**WAITING FOR GLORY**

Young and old wait for President Macapagal-Arroyo's arrival in Zamboanga, Sison, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of Japanese occupation of the Philippines. Sison is the also where Gov. Teresita 'Nanay' Salapuddin announced.

## Army says raps linking military to slay unfair

By Jerry A. Gidiras  
 PDI Zamboanga Bureau

**UNCOMFORTY**—MAJ GEN. RENE BARRERA, head of the 10th Infantry Division based in Zamboanga, has branded as "unfair" the allegations that the military had a hand in the slay of Justice Herman Santos, saying Maguindanao Mindanao (Maguindanao) was a "dead zone" in the region.

In fact, the accused here must not be implicated because there was no evidence that linked the military to the killing of Santos, he also mentioned and former officer of General Santos.

"These statements implicating the military in the killing of Antonio Lopez obviously do not have the military. They should be fair enough and the allegations must be supported with evidence before they can be made responsible for his death," he said in his opinion.

Barrera, who took part in the 10th Division, mentioned that the Philippine army is a "professional organization" and "not a criminal group. It does not engage in any criminal acts."

Military groups blamed the military for the killing of Santos who was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on Sept. 1, while passing in the gown of a rural bank near the church in the capital town of Zamboanga in Sultan's house.











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## Inflation rose to 7.2% in August

By Maricela V. Reyes

PRICES OF BASIC GOODS AND SERVICES ROSE by 7.2 percent in August from a year ago, or slightly faster than the 7.1 percent recorded the previous month.

According to a report released by the National Economic Office, the August inflation rate brought the average inflation rate for the first eight months of the year to 8.1 percent, much higher than the 6.9 percent last year.

"High oil prices will have got to do with the latest inflation figure," said Finance Secretary Arroyo at the University of the East in the Philippines. He said the impact of oil prices on inflation was not only reflected in the movement of prices under the consumer price index, but also in the movement of prices under the producer price index.

The NED said the increase in the price of oil, gas and coal would have a significant impact on the inflation rate. In July, while the food, beverage and tobacco category rose to 5.6 percent from the previous month's 5.4 percent.

According to the NED, the increase in the price of services rose to 7.2 percent from 6.9 percent last year. The increase in the price of housing and repair rose to 4.8 percent from the previous month's 4.7 percent.

According to Finance Secretary Arroyo, the increase in the price of services was the main driver of the inflation rate. He said the increase in the price of services was the main driver of the inflation rate.

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## Gov't plans to borrow P532B next year



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THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT will borrow P53.2 billion next year from local and foreign creditors to finance its ongoing infrastructure and social service programs, Finance Secretary Maricela V. Reyes said.

Reyes said the government would borrow P53.2 billion to help fund programs for 2004. He said the government would borrow P53.2 billion to help fund programs for 2004.

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## Bangko Sentral seen raising interest rates

By Daniel L. Lujan

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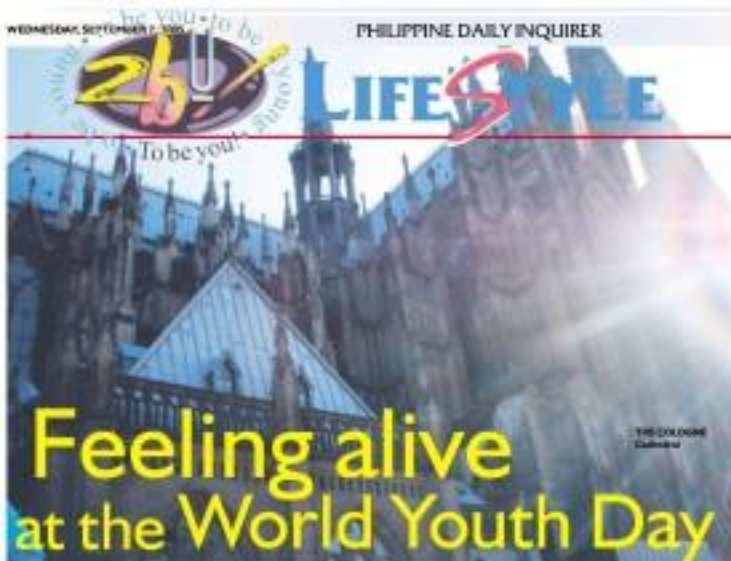






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To see the new Pope, Benedict XVI, was a great come-on. To be blessed by him was a gift of grace



DELEGATES in Mannheim

By Perito C. Balanarao  
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**D**IVEN IN THE LARGE is now the new Pope, Benedict XVI, and knowing that the pious Father came from Germany, I tried to make it to the 2008 World Youth Day in Cologne. The internet seemed to go to Germany was no joke, even for the urban elite. I added the money from relatives, family friends and even parents.

I only got one month of the event. Tough luck. I hit the clouds below.

My parents had agreed to let me go as long as I could make the money. But when I told them I was still short on my air fare, they refused and paid for the balance.

I wrote a memo to my parents and they would have tolerated myself from them. One of them didn't ac-

cept the letter and said the reason was not valid. What could be more valid than seeing the Pope? Some problems could really be difficult, but I would not be stopped.

I was up that time to travel by plane. Had an international flight to Paris. After the 10-hour trip from Manila, I hit the clouds as we got out of the airport.

We went to the house of a family friend. We were welcomed, fed and given some beer just to ease our journey. It was a good thing there were Filipinos in Germany who made us feel welcome and comfortable in a foreign country. I gave her some juice.

We were then introduced to the host family who would provide us a place to stay. We went to Mannheim, a town a few minutes away by train from Cologne.

Our host home was a typical German family. We were given everything we needed during the entire trip and they even offered breakfast,

even if we were supposed to take it ourselves.

There was a line-up of events. Everything seemed to be better and alive. The smell of Cologne was everywhere and almost everything that caught the eye was amazing.

#### Surprise

It was a week full of surprises, of meeting people from different nations. We attended big and small gatherings, went to museums, were on a pilgrimage from the Cologne Cathedral to several churches, and explored a place for German food.

We were able to see the Holy Father while he gave his speech at the first Mass. It was really amazing! Hearing him was enough, but seeing him was too much. I realized how lucky I was every time he gave his blessings.

Then the main event came. It was in Mannheim, a vast field where the main celebration and the closing Mass were held. We walked to the

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